



# NEWPORT NEWS

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*The President  
Executive  
Committee  
& Committee Members  
Of the Seniors Group*



*Wish all our members and their families  
A Blessed Christmas  
&  
A Happy New Year 2017*

## *The President's Message*

*Dear Fellow Members and Friends,*

*As the year draws to a close, I hope you have enjoyed the celebratory events that have been organized by the Association and the Seniors Group for your enjoyment during the months of 2016 and I encourage you to make the best of future events.*

*For those who have not yet joined the Association and the Seniors Group as members, I exhort you to do so and enjoy the benefits that our membership offers.*

*As an Incorporated Association, the "Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation" refer to our Association as a "declared" CCO (Community and Charitable Organization).*

*The Commission, recently sent us a letter advising us of the need for our Association to renew its declaration status as a Community and Charitable Organization*

*As your President, I have taken the responsibilities of forwarding all the necessary documentation to the office of VCGLR which included copies of the following requirements:-*

*a copy of the list of financial members for the past two years*

*a copy of the minutes of the past two annual general meetings of the Association*

*a copy of the statements of income and expenditure and the balance sheets for the past two financial years*

*a copy of the constitution / articles of association ( including statement of purposes / objectives / aims )*

*a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation the name of the local association to which the organization is affiliated.*

*Being a "declared" CCO , if the Association declaration status is renewed, we will continue to conduct raffles, bingo and fundraising events legally.*

*Mrs Mary Cefai, a committee member of the Seniors Group since its inception (16 years ) is retiring from the committee at the end of this year.*

*During these years, Mary dedicated her spare time and energy to help establish one of the most successful Seniors Group of the Maltese Community. On behalf of the Seniors Group Committee and Members, I like to say " Thank you" to Mary for her commitment and dedication to the Group and wish her all the very best for the future. God Bless!*

*The Maltese Community Council of Victoria held the Committee Election at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 2nd November 2016 at the Maltese Community Centre in Parkville. We like to congratulate Andrew Gatt for being elected Secretary of the Council.*

*Andrew's ability and experience in Management level will certainly be an asset to the MCCV.*

*On closing, my heartfelt thanks to my fellow committee members on the board of the Association and the Seniors group for their never ending commitment and dedication during the year.*

*Many thanks to you, all our members for your support and staying united in 2016.*

*Finally on behalf of the committee members of the Association and Seniors Group I wish you all a VERY HAPPY & SAFE CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR 2017 FULL OF GOOD HEALTH, HAPPINESS & PROSPERITY  
God Bless.*

*George Michael Saliba OAM  
President & Seniors Co Ordinator.*







### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- 2016

On Sunday 2nd October 2016, the Newport Maltese Association held the Annual General Meeting at the Maltese Community Centre at Parkville.

At 12pm lunch was provided, with the help of the committee members, consisting of chicken, potato and salad, and for desert a cannoli. Who doesn't like cannoli?

We were very pleased with the attendance of 180 members. The meeting was chaired by the President, George Saliba OAM, he opened the meeting with a prayer and then thanked all those present for attending.

In his speech, the President put forward a proposition to the members, that the Seniors group and the Association amalgamate. This he said will be to the benefit of all members.

Minutes of the previous AGM were read by the Secretary, Gwen Busuttill. The financial report was read by the Treasurer Joe Cole.

This year was the bi-annual election year. All previous committee members nominated and were elected unopposed.

At the conclusion of the meeting, everyone enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee.

Lydia Cole- PRO

# Seniors' Corner

by Gwen Busuttil

## PHUKET 2016

### NEWPORT SENIOR'S GROUP TRIP

Everyone was on time at Tullamarine, no problems so far. As both Rennie and myself were the only ones from the Committee going, I was a bit apprehensive, but all started off well, and pretty soon we were on our way.

The trip itself is as expected, quite tiring, and by the time we reached Club Med and checked in it was 3a.m. Melbourne time. Why on earth have they got a meal waiting for us? But believe it or not, it was quite delicious, just a simple salad, with wine if you wanted, while Chris (he's an Ozzie) explained a few details about the place, we all were given a green ribbon to tie around our wrist, and while all this was going on....no doubt the band of workers had all our luggage taken to our respective rooms. These were unlike other accommodations, nowhere near each other, but scattered around the venue. Our exercise was just beginning.

As we became used to our surroundings, the restaurants, the bar, the pool, and the theatre area, were we frequented the most, and met with each other. The Gym, Archery and the Trapeze were given a miss by most of us, but the food left nothing to be desired, whether it was breakfast, lunch or dinner. We had Chinese, French, Korean, Thai, Italian, and everything in between. Everything was fresh and delicious.

Our Welcome Cocktail Party was on the Terrace, the setting could not have been better, overlooking the beach, with soft music playing, a table set up full of canapes while a chef was busy preparing even more. On another table coloured lights flickered through cocktail glasses which were tiered and filled with popular cocktails at the ready, spirits, cold beer, whatever you wished for was there. We felt like VIP's just like you see in the movies,

and we were the stars. What a fantastic start to our holiday, everyone was really impressed.

Club Med set the scene, for the rest of our holidays, every day was an experience, from the tranquillity of the Zen Pool, the indulgence of the Massages in the Spa, to the special Chu Dah Restaurant where the meal is a three course A La Carte, where I had the best Crème Brule. Everyone got on well together, especially late at night after the show, when we gathered around the bar, dancing and telling jokes.

The outings were a hit, from the Cabaret, James Bond Island, as well as Fanta Sea. Some went on the Elephant rides, as well as Tiger Land.

To John and Paula Casey, Rennie has a DVD of John debut single. "This Little Piggy"

Thank you to everyone who joined us, I can honestly say that this holiday was up there with the best. Thank you to the Scicluna's and the Bartolo's for your emails, also the message on my phone when I finally found it, from the Ellul's.

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### APPRAISALS

To whom it may concern..

**On the 13th. of October we set off on our holiday to Phuket in Thailand with the Newport Seniors Group.**

**What a memorable and relaxing holiday we all had. We were well taken good care of and made very welcome by all concerned at the resort we stayed at [Club Med]**

**From the time we arrived till the time we left they were always very attentive and caring. Our rooms were always spotless and fresh by the time we arrived from our respective day outings.**

**The food was plentiful and very appetizing, the tropical fruit offered at every meal was simply delicious. The desserts were to die for, I must admit I indulged a bit too much, but what the heck I was on holidays. The night entertainment was fantastic and merry. The day trips enjoyed by all even though the weather was not very promising at times.**

**All this was possible as a lot of research was done ahead of our holiday by Mrs. Gwen Busuttil and her son Dean.**

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Thank you both as all we had to do is lay back and enjoy the experience.

Thank you too for giving us the opportunity to meet all the lovely people in the group. Please keep us in mind when you organize another holiday as we would love to be with you to enjoy it once again.

Regards to you Gwen, Dean ,and Newport Seniors.

Sally and Sam Bartolo xxxxxx

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*Hi Dean and Gwen,*

*I would like to thank both of you for organising the above trip.*

*Fred and I had a wonderful time, the re-*

*sort was everything the brochure described and more. The food was excellent and I had my doubts because it was all inclusive but how wrong I was, only my waistline can attest to that.*

*The staff couldn't have made us more welcome and even having a meal for us on arrival which wasn't expected.*

*Gwen how can we thank you, you went out of your way to organise side tours and we appreciated all the work you did. Also arranging for early wake up calls when we had an early start and looking after everyone who got sick by bringing us something to eat, when you weren't feeling well yourself.*

*I cannot say much more but to say that we appreciated your company as well as your assistance.*

*Looking forward to the next one.*

*Warm regards*

*Toni & Fred Scicluna*

*p.s. We enjoyed everyone's company and hope to catch up with them again soon.*

## Phuket 2016





**Photos from the Newport Maltese Association Annual Dinner Dance 2016**





## Annual Dinner Dance 2016

It's time once again for our Annual Dinner Dance. This function has been going on for the last 43 years. It was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October in the Carrick Room at the Melrose Reception Centre.

The President welcomed and thanked everyone for their support.

The food was tasty, the staff is very friendly and you could not ask for better service.

The entertainment for the night was supplied by DJ John who does his very best to keep everyone on their feet dancing all night, with a mixture of old and new songs to please everyone.

Stan Azzopardi then gave us a rendition of songs whilst playing his guitar. Songs we all knew and love Thank you Stan for donating your time making the evening more special. We always enjoy it when you perform.

Mr Victor Borg made a special presentation to Carmen and Maurice Spiteri with a *Life Membership Certificate* in recognition of their continuous outstanding service to the Newport Maltese Association during the last 10 years. Congratulations Carmen and Maurice.

Then it was raffle time, there were quite a few nice presents and it was not easy to pick if your name came up.

We have to congratulate our members for the manner in which they conduct themselves; they all mingle so well together resembling one big happy family.

It was a very enjoyable evening and our members and their friends always show their appreciation by participating in all that goes on during the night.

Hope to see you all again on New Year's Eve.

Lydia Cole  
P.R.O.



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**THE VISUAL ARTS AND CRAFT STRATEGY****ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The President and Executive Committee of Newport Maltese Association Inc. wish to thank the Hon. Robyn Scot MP, the Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Victorian Multicultural Commission for approving our applications for a "Senior Citizen Organisational Support Grant 2016-2019 and also the Festivals and Events Grant 2015-2016 Round 2"

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**NEWPORT MALTESE ASSOCIATION**  
**FUNCTION DATES FOR 2016/2017**

**Saturday 31st December      New Year's Eve Ball      Emerald Reception**

**Sunday 12th March              Carnival Dance              Melrose Reception**

**Saturday 22-23 April              Week-end Trip              TBA**

**Sunday 18th June              Comedy Fun Night              MCCV-Parkville**

**For booking please contact Carmen Casa on 9436 8196**

**NEXT FEW FUNCTIONS FOR THE**  
**SENIORS GROUP FOR 2016/2017**

**Wed 14th December              Seniors' Break Up      Melrose Reception**

**Wednesday 18th January      Resume Meetings**

**Thurs 16th February              Seniors' Day Trip      TBA**

**Wednesday 22nd Feb              Seniors' AGM              MCCV-Parkville**

**Saturday 18th March              Seniors' Activity              MCCV-Parkville**  
**Fun Night**

**Thursday 6th April              Seniors' BBQ              Brimbank Park**

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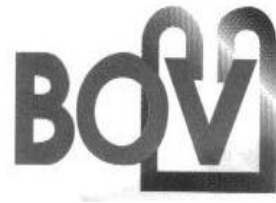
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